

220 yeas to 195 nays, Roll No. 431, after agreeing to order the previous question. **Pages H6042–46**

Recess: The House recessed at 4:52 p.m. and reconvened at 5:18 p.m. **Page H6073**

Recognizing the employees of Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport: Agreed by unanimous consent to discharge from committee and agree to H. Res. 391, recognizing the employees of Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport, the North Texas Commission, USO, and the people and businesses of North Texas for their dedication to the “Welcome Home a Hero” program. **Page H6078**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H6011.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yeas and nay votes and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6045–46, H6046, H6047, H6047–48, H6074, H6074–75, H6076, H6077 and H6077–78. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:12 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FARM BILL EXTENSION ACT OF 2007

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Specialty Crops, Rural Development, and Foreign Agriculture approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 2419, Farm Bill Extension Act of 2007.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES AND MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, VETERANS AFFAIRS AND RELATED APPROPRIATIONS FISCAL YEAR 2008

Committee on Appropriations: Ordered reported the following appropriations for Fiscal Year 2008: Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies; and Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies.

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS FISCAL YEAR 2008

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch approved for full Committee action the Legislative Branch Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2008.

DOD’S BODY ARMOR PROGRAMS

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on the Department of Defense body armor programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: LTG N. Ross Thompson III, USA, Military Deputy/Director, Army Acquisition Corps, Office of the Assistant Secretary (Acquisition

, Logistics, and Technology); BG Mark Brown, USA, Program Executive Officer, U.S. Army; Roger Smith, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Littoral and Mine Warfare, Department of the Navy; COL Ed Smith, USMC, Product Group Director, Combat Equipment and Support Systems, U.S. Marine Corps; Douglas D. Thomas, Executive Director, Air Force Office of Special Investigations, U.S. Air Force; and COL Kevin Noonan, USA, Program Executive Office—Special Operations Forces—Warrior, U.S. Special Operations Command; William M. Solis, Director, Defense Capabilities and Management Team, GAO; and public witnesses.

NAVY BOAT BARRIERS PROCUREMENT

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Seapower and Expeditionary Forces held a hearing on procurement of Navy boat barriers. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Naval Criminal Investigative Service, Department of the Navy: Tomas Betto, Director; and Cathy Riddick-Brown, Deputy Assistant Director, Acquisition and Logistics; and James A. Williams, Commissioner, Federal Acquisition Service, GSA.

CHILD PRODUCT SAFETY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing on measures to Improve Consumer Product Safety for Children, H.R. 2474, To provide for an increased maximum civil penalty for violations under the Consumer Product Safety Act; H.R. 1699, Danny Keysar Child Product Safety Notification Act; H.R. 814, Children’s Gasoline Burn Prevention Act; and H.R. 1721, Pool and Spa Safety Act. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CHINA FINANCIAL SERVICES SECTOR REFORM

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing entitled “U.S. Interests in Reform of China’s Financial Services Sector.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

REAUTHORIZATION—NATIVE AMERICAN HOUSING ASSISTANCE

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity held a hearing entitled “Reauthorization of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act.” Testimony was heard from Orlando J. Cabrera, Assistant Secretary, Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development; and public witnesses.

U.S.-NORTH AFRICA POLICY CHALLENGERS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Held a hearing on U.S. Policy Challenges in North Africa. Testimony was heard from C. David Welch, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, Department of State.

TUBERCULOSIS INCIDENT RESPONSE

Committee on Homeland Security: Held a hearing entitled "The XDR Tuberculosis Incident: A Poorly Coordinated Federal Response to an Incident with Homeland Implications." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Jeffrey Runge, M.D., Chief Medical Officer; W. Ralph Basham, Commissioner, and Jayson P. Ahern, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Field Operations, both with Customs and Border Protection; Julie Gerberding, M.D., Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services.

NATIONAL BIO AND AGRO-DEFENSE FACILITY

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats, Cybersecurity, and Science and Technology approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 1717, To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish a National Bio and Agro-defense Facility.

COMPREHENSIVE IMMIGRATION REFORM; RULES OF PROCEDURE PRIVATE IMMIGRATION BILLS AND PRIVATE CLAIMS BILLS; POLICY ON GRANTING CHARTERS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law, to continue hearings on Comprehensive Immigration Reform: Business Community Perspectives. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

The Subcommittee also continued hearings on Comprehensive Immigration Reform: Government Perspectives on Immigration Statistics. Testimony was heard from Representatives Crowley and Rohrabacher; Ron Bird, Chief Economist and Director, Office of Economic Policy and Analysis, Department of Labor; Michael Hoefer, Director, Office of Immigration Statistics, Department of Homeland Security; Charles Oppenheim, Chief, Visa Control and Reporting Division, Department of State; and Ruth Ellen Wasem, Specialist in Immigration Policy, CRS, Library of Congress.

The Subcommittee also adopted the following: Rules of Procedure and Statement of Policy for Private Immigration Bills; Rules of Procedure for Private Claims Bills, and the Subcommittee's Policy on the Granting of Federal Charters.

ENERGY POLICY REFORM AND REVITALIZATION ACT OF 2007

Committee on Natural Resources: Began markup of H.R. 2337, Energy Policy Reform and Revitalization Act of 2007.

Will continue tomorrow.

FDA'S DRUG SAFETY EVALUATION OF AVANDIA

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Held a hearing on FDA's Role in the Evaluation of Avandia's Safety. Testimony was heard from Andrew C. Von Eschenbach, M.D., Commissioner, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

STEM CELL RESEARCH ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 2006

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a voice vote, a closed rule. The rule provides for 1 hour of debate on S. 5, Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act of 2007, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce. The rule waives all points of order against the bill and its consideration except those arising under close 10 of rule XXI. The bill shall be considered as read. The rule provides one motion to commit. Finally, the rule permits the Chair, during consideration of the bill, to postpone further consideration of it to a time designated by the Speaker. Testimony was heard from Representative DeGette and Weldon of Florida.

LUMBEE RECOGNITION ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a voice vote, a closed rule. The rule provides 1 hour of general debate in the House on H.R. 65, Lumbee Recognition Act, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except for clauses 9 and 10 of Rule XXI. The amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources now printed in the bill, modified by the amendment printed in the report, shall be considered as adopted. The rule waives all points of order against the bill, as amended, and provides that the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Finally, the rule provides that the Chair may postpone further consideration of the bill to a time designated by the Speaker. Testimony was heard from Representatives Faleomavaega, McIntyre, Schuler and Shays.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment approved for full Committee action, as amended the following bills: H.R. 906, Global Change Research and Data Management Act of 2007; H.R. 2304, Advanced Geothermal Energy Research and Development Act of 2007; and H.R. 2313, Marine Renewable Energy Research and Development Act of 2007.

STEM EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Research and Science Education held a hearing on STEM Education Programs. Testimony was heard from Cora Marrett, Assistant Director, Directorate for Education and Human Resources, NSF; Joyce Winterton, Assistant Administrator, Office of Education, NASA; Bruce Fuchs, Director, Office of Science Education, NIH, Department of Health and Human Services; and William Valdez, Director, Office of Workforce Development for Teachers and Scientists, Office of Science, Department of Energy.

DATA SECURITY

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Finance and Tax held a hearing on Data Security: Small Business Perspectives. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

NTSB AVIATION SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing on the National Transportation Safety Board's Most Wanted Aviation Safety Improvements. Testimony was heard from Mark V. Rosenker, Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board; Margaret Gilligan, Associate Administrator, Aviation Safety, FAA, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY,
JUNE 7, 2007**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Lieutenant General Douglas E. Lute, USA, to be Assistant to the President and Deputy National Security Advisor for Iraq and Afghanistan, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Space, Aeronautics, and Related Agencies, to hold joint hearings with the House Science and Technology Committee's Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight to examine the investigation of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration Inspector General, 2 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine alternative energy-related uses on the outer continental shelf, focusing on opportunities, issues, and implementation of Section 388 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (Public Law 109-58), 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine the views of religious organizations regarding global warming, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine the acquisition organization of the Department of Homeland Security, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 720, to amend title 4, United States Code, to authorize the Governor of a State, territory, or possession of the United States to order that the National flag be flown at half-staff in that State, territory, or possession in the event of the death of a member of the Armed Forces from that State, territory, or possession who dies while serving on active duty, H.R. 692, to amend title 4, United States Code, to authorize the Governor of a State, territory, or possession of the United States to order that the National flag be flown at half-staff in that State, territory, or possession in the event of the death of a member of the Armed Forces from that State, territory, or possession who dies while serving on active duty, S. 535, to establish an Unsolved Crimes Section in the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice, and an Unsolved Civil Rights Crime Investigative Office in the Civil Rights Unit of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, S. 456, to increase and enhance law enforcement resources committed to investigation and prosecution of violent gangs, to deter and punish violent gang crime, to protect law-abiding citizens and communities from violent criminals, to revise and enhance criminal penalties for violent crimes, to expand and improve gang prevention programs, S. Res. 171, memorializing fallen firefighters by lowering the United States flag to half-staff on the day of the National Fallen Firefighter Memorial Service in Emmitsburg, Maryland, S. 185, to restore habeas corpus for those detained by the United States, S. Res. 82, designating August 16, 2007 as "National Airborne Day", S. Res. 173, designating August 11, 2007, as "National Marina Day", the nominations of Leslie Southwick, of Mississippi, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, and Robert James Jonker, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Michigan, and possible authorization of subpoenas in connection with investigation into the replacement of U.S. attorneys, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine S. 453, to prohibit deceptive practices in Federal elections, 2 p.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.